

*Policies and Benefits*

## HealthSelect members to pay higher costs at out-of-network freestanding ERs

As of January 1, HealthSelect no longer pays the amount billed by out-of-network freestanding emergency rooms, even if the care is due to a true emergency. If you are a HealthSelect member and get services from an out-of-network freestanding ER, you will pay more of the cost than in the past.

Freestanding ERs are usually found in convenient locations and can easily be confused with an urgent care center, a convenience clinic or even a small hospital emergency room. While they provide emergency medical services, they are not affiliated with and are not physically connected to a hospital and most are not in the HealthSelect network.



You can prepare for medical emergencies and keep health care costs down by using the HealthSelect Provider Finder to find the in-network options available in your area.

More information about HealthSelect coverage for urgent and emergency medical care is available on the Employees Retirement System website. ▲